UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 10/2/64

1 - Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr. J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel of the President's Commission, was contacted telephonically at his New York office today on other matters and during the conversation and in accordance with instructions received, he was advised that the Bureau feels he did the Bureau a great disservice and had out-McCarthied McCarthy.

There was a notable silence on Mr. Rankin's part and he then asked just what was meant by the remark. Mr. Rankin was told by Malley that he had no further comment concerning this statement other than the fact that he had been requested to pass this remark on to Mr. Rankin.

Mr. Rankin then advised that the members of the Commission were very strongly set in their views and the information which had been placed in the report concerning the FBI had been a unanimous decision by the members of the Commission. He advised that the original version of the Commission's report concerning the Bureau's activities in the Oswald case was much more critical than the version which was published. He stated he was sorry the report came out the way it did but the members of the Commission felt very strongly.

As an afterthought Mr. Rankin stated the Commission's criticism was actually aimed at an individual Agent rather than the Bureau as such.

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